



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re* Application of:  
Zhou, et al.

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FOR PARALLEL CHEMICAL  
REACTIONS

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

Applicants respond herein to the Final Rejection mailed December 30, 2004, and the Advisory Action mailed May 20, 2005, in the above-referenced application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on June 1 2005, bringing the due date for a Brief on Appeal to August 1, 2005. The Commissioner is requested to consider this a petition for an extension of time of one month. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is enclosed herewith. Authorization to charge the appropriate fees of \$910.00 to a credit card is attached, including \$120.00 for an extension of time of one month and \$790.00 as the filing fee for an RCE. It is believed that no further fees are due with the filing of this paper. If the authorization is inadvertently omitted, if the fees are insufficient, or if any further fee is deemed to be due for any reason under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 to

1.21, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the requisite amount from VINSON & ELKINS L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/INV850/4-010US/55005.

The Examiner is requested to enter the following amended claims and to consider the remarks herein. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The listing of claims begins on page 3 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.